

Commercial Advertiser

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"SNOWY SLOP" ADVERTISING.

The Bulletin wants the public to support the amazing scheme to attract people here from the blizzard belt by telling them that even in the tropics they will find snow. Just how the public can do it is not stated; but perhaps if people will make haste to write their freezing friends in the northeast that Hawaii affords fine skating, steam-heated hotels and toboggan slides for six months in the year, the chiblain tourists will hustle this way in time to eat a Thanksgiving dinner on the top of Mauna Kea.

We shall await with some interest the effect of this innovation in South Sea advertising upon the rival semi-tropical resorts on the mainland which have, for years, been heartlessly beguiling people to get out of the snow-banks and enter a land of everlasting summer. Perhaps Florida will now mend her ways and advertise in this wise: "Sunny days and frosty nights! Come and bring your blankets to the land where the rose-bushes hang with icicles and the watermelons are cooled in nature's own refrigerator. Hammocks by day and cold storage by night. Greatest variety of climate known." Or perhaps Southern California will stop its "senseless chatter" about "June in January" and say, as we do, "January in June. Come to the Land of Cold Feet. The Blizzard Belt is also here! Pick frozen oranges from the trees! Spend Christmas in Southern California beside the blazing Yule Log."

If Florida and Southern California do this we shall have to come up with something better than "snowy slopes" to keep our share of the overcoat trade. How would it do to advertise Mark Twain's prose poem paraphrased as follows:

"No arctic land in all the world has any deep, strong charm to me but that one; no other land could so longingly and shiveringly haunt me, freezing or thawing, as that one has done. Other things warm me, but it congeals; other things melt but it remains the same. For me its blizzard airs are always blowing, its icy seas glittering in the sun; the thunder of its glaciers is in my ear; I can see its snowy crags, its frozen cascades, its bergs crowding by the shore; its remote summits floating like polar islands above the ice-blink; I can feel the spirit of the boreal solitude; I can hear the plash of its walruses; in my nostrils still lives the breath of the Eskimo who perished twenty years ago."

That would fetch 'em.

THE FEDERAL JUDGESHIP.

There is a good deal of gossip about the succession to the Federal judgeship and among lawyers who know the California judiciary there is no member of it whose name has been mentioned for the post, who commands a cordial support. It is the hope of the bar that the President will give Hawaii as well as California a chance to be heard.

The name of Governor Dole is mentioned as a possible appointee, but it is not known whether he would consent to be a candidate. He was once on the Supreme Bench of Hawaii, was a just judge, and is a learned lawyer.

Hon. Henry E. Highton's name has also been proposed. He has some undoubted elements of strength both in California and Hawaii. He was a pioneer of the Golden State and during his forty and more years of law practice tried more cases than any other lawyer there, many of them being of the first importance. Mr. Highton never held a public office and never sought one but was always eminent in public affairs. In 1861 it was he who drew the resolutions that kept California in the Union. A Democrat from principle he yet refused to support Bryan in 1896 and in 1900 spoke for McKinley at Metropolitan Hall, San Francisco. Since coming to Hawaii he has supported the Republican party and sympathized with the conservative interests here. A man of great legal learning and judicial mind he would dignify the bench.

There are other capable men here, Judge Hartwell, for example, who may or may not become candidates. Any one of them would do and one of the number should be presented for the President's consideration. It is unwise to let the place go by default to California.

It should not be forgotten that Curtis Iaukea publicly confessed that his record was so bad that mortal hands could not make it clean. No man of that class is wanted in the Tax Collectorship. Hawaii has had too many of the sort already.

A day or two before he was nominated John Wise said, in a public speech, that he wanted every white man driven back to the sea, whence he came. Now Wise is after white votes and says he expects 300.

HOME GROWN EGGS.

One of the boons which Hawaii has the right to expect of its small farmers is an adequate supply of fresh eggs. It is a painful economic fact that, though the egg product of these islands is steadily increasing, we still import hundreds of cases of eggs, which are by no means fresh, from California and Kansas. Despite public impressions to the contrary, the Advertiser believes that Hawaii, if it would, could supply all the fresh eggs its inhabitants eat. It yields many; why not more?

Admitting that fowls have various diseases here, we still have to consider (I) that the same diseases appear in the States from which the outside supply of eggs is drawn; (II) that there has never been until lately, a scientific study of poultry raising in Hawaii and that, where the directions of the U. S. Experiment Station have been followed, the results have been fortunate. It has been the privilege of this writer to see several poultry yards where disease has made ravages—and in each case he found either that the roosting and nesting places were not kept clean, that kerosene was not used on perches, that sick fowls were not segregated, that water containers were allowed to become slimy and that the fowls were kept in a draught at night. The food ration was not usually varied; the fowls were allowed to sit, while nesting, upon straw, which harbors lice, rather than upon clean sand; no precautions were taken to enforce shelter during long rain storms. Not all these defects were noticeable in any one case, but enough of them were to count against the health of the brood. In some cases chicken houses were overcrowded; in others the range was too small. In fact most poultry raisers about Honolulu follow the mainland habit of letting fowls shift for themselves, which is not wholly impracticable in a northern climate but which, in this climate, is deadly. Here fowls must be carefully looked after; and when they are they pay. Upon that point the writer can speak from personal experience.

With eggs and broilers bringing perhaps the highest price in the United States and in view of the large importations of both, it seems remarkable that no scientific poultryman has gone into the business on a great scale. The field for such a man is open and inviting and the resources of the United States Experiment Station are at his beck and call.

PROGRESS IN LABOR UNIONS.

There is nothing more apparent in the United States just now than the spontaneous movement towards the suppression or improvement of demoralized labor unions and the complete establishment, upon a lawful basis, of both capitalistic and labor combinations. In this movement, unionized labor itself is prominent. The last straw that seems to have broken the back of the walking delegate, who stirred up and profited by causeless strife, was the arrogant demand made on the President and by him justly rebuked.

The voice of the press, as the Advertiser has already shown, is clear and decided. Quotations from several of the most important newspapers in the country have been published in these columns, which proved the unanimity of public opinion. Some of the strongest expressions, however, are found either in unionized labor organs or in journals which have been sincere and influential in their support of the unions. The National Labor Tribune, of Pittsburg, thinks that the enemies of organized labor, some of whom it names, are greatly pleased with the outbreak of the Washington Central Union, The Philadelphia North American, a noted advocate of the unions, characterizes the demands made by Samuel Gompers, the President of the American Federation of Labor, and by his associates, as illustrations of "blind obstinacy." The only complaint the Springfield Republican has to make is that President Roosevelt did not go far enough. Only fourteen per cent. of the wage-earners in the country are unionists, and it is regarded as preposterous that they should attempt to deprive eighty-six per cent. of their inherent rights. It is recognized as true also that the majority of the unionists do not endorse the lawlessness of the walking delegates, and, at the polls and elsewhere, will act upon their own judgment as intelligent and conscientious American citizens.

Law and legislation are aiding the new birth of unionism. At Hamilton, Ohio, lately, the Hamilton Typographical Union, the Hamilton Co-operative Trades and Labor Council and the Nonpartisan Printing Company, were enjoined by Judge Belden from boycotting the Republican News. The opinion in this case was unusually direct and positive, and such rulings are multiplying in other States. The object of the boycott in the instance mentioned was to force the newspapers into unionization. The legislature of Alabama, anticipating the proposed action in New York, has enacted a stringent law against both strikes and blacklisting.

At Indianapolis, a few days ago, the representatives of seven hundred thousand workmen employed in the building and repairing trades were engaged in the formation of an international federation to substitute arbitration for strikes. The only great strike that now appears to be imminent is that pro-

posed by the miners of Colorado, Utah and New Mexico, in which the unions would have to contend with the National Employers' Association, which, for defence, has already accumulated a fund of a million dollars that can speedily be raised to three millions. This strike, if not warded off, will be an object lesson in the loss of wages, the waste of money, the derangement of an important branch of industry, and the poverty and suffering it must inevitably produce.

The firm determination evinced in New York, to call off all large improvements proposed for the coming year rather than submit to the exactions of the walking delegates, has had an immediate and marked effect. The same Samuel Gompers, who antagonized the President and afterwards tried to pervert and soften the reply he actually received, has advised the building trade unions in New York to abandon their strike and submit to arbitration upon terms proposed by the employers.

All these indications point to a change in the objectionable unions themselves, and to the permanent utility of combinations, whether of labor or of capital, that respect the constitution and the laws and aim at practical and useful ends.

A contemporary speaks of the adventure of Captain Bligh whom the mutineers of the Bounty set adrift off Tahiti and who reached the Dutch settlements, of the Malay peninsula over 2000 miles away, as "the most wonderful boat voyage ever made." The Hawaiian native pioneers, however, seem to have eclipsed Captain Bligh's remarkable performance in their canoe journeys from the South Seas and back. In all the annals of peaceful marine achievement the voyages of those who discovered and occupied Hawaii and then kept up communication with Samoa, stand alone. How their frail barks stood the seas and how the Polynesian sailors navigated the trackless waste are matters which profoundly interest the scientific world. Captain Bligh had a good boat and merely applied well-understood principles of ocean travel.

PARTING RITES OVER THE REMAINS OF ESTEE

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passed through the streets of Honolulu. There was a splendid turnout of the Masons and Odd Fellows, while the Bar Association made a remarkably good showing as a body when many of its members walked among the mystic brotherhoods. With the Territorial band, two full companies of U. S. regulars from Camp McKinley and a creditable muster of all the Honolulu companies of the National Guard of Hawaii, the military contingent left nothing to be desired. The order and route of procession were as stated in yesterday's Advertiser, and Mr. Lewis attributes the almost perfect smoothness with which every arrangement was carried out to the explicit details given beforehand in this paper. The hearse was drawn by four black horses caparisoned in mourning. Opposite the Hawaiian hotel, in Alakea street, the high hind horse became fractious at the sound of an electric car. Trouble was threatened for a few moments until policemen took the heads of the horses. There were about forty Knights Templar led by Commander C. S. Hall, their showy uniform and swords making a bright array. Noble Grand Petrie led forty Odd Fellows. More than 100 white-aproned Masons followed Master Abram Lewis, Jr. The Bar Association, conducted by President W. O. Smith, mustered over a score of members besides the representative committee of five named in yesterday's issue. The honorary pallbearers and the officiating clergyman walked in the procession, while the Governor, the Admiral, the Judiciary, etc., drove behind the chief mourners, followed by a number of carriages occupied chiefly by ladies. The procession took ten minutes in passing the Masonic Temple.

At the Hackfeld wharf the Knights Templar formed an "arch of steel," under which passed the Worshipful Master of Hawaiian Lodge, Rev. W. M. Kincaid, the honorary pallbearers, the body bearers with the casket, Mrs. Estee and attendants. After the casket was placed in a shipping box upon the wharf, the W. M. called upon the brethren to bow their heads for the blessings of prayer. Mr. Kincaid briefly invoked divine protection over the body crossing the ocean and heavenly watchcare for the afflicted widow and all accompanying her upon the sad voyage. Then the box was hoisted through the lower deck opening, about which the Stars and Stripes had been draped. As the body was being lowered into the hold the band softly played that sweetest of Hawaiian airs, "Aloha: Oe." Then all of the military and fraternal bodies forming by themselves marched off to their respective headquarters.

It is proper to mention here, without diminishing the credit due to Hawaiian Lodge and its Worshipful Master, that the general control of Judge Estee's funeral in Honolulu was in the hands of H. Wingate Lake, manager of the Alexander Young hotel. Judge Estee, when he knew the end was coming, entrusted this office to his esteemed friend.

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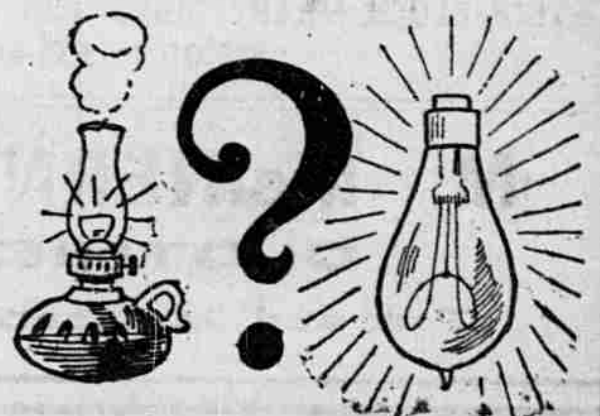
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